



THE CLIMATE RISK AND EMERGENCY SUPPORT IN LIVABLE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES EVERYWHERE (RESILIENCE) ACT

UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS

“Communities are continuing to struggle to recover from the whiplash of back-to-back extreme weather and climate change-related events year after year amid an ongoing and deadly pandemic. The Climate RESILIENCE Act will help communities-at-risk better prepare before disaster strikes, as well as fix some of the long-standing issues that can make the disaster recovery process slow and inequitable. For example, the bill will provide more resources and grants to those who are so often hit first and worst by climate impacts, including low-income and BIPOC communities. It will also ensure that communities impacted by the deadliest type of extreme weather event—heat—are now eligible for pre- and post-disaster aid and assistance.” -**Shana Udvardy**, Senior Climate Resilience Policy Analyst, Union of Concerned Scientists

COALITION OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

“Over the past couple years in Oregon the impacts of the climate crisis have been all too apparent, from unprecedented ice storms, raging wildfires, and deadly heat waves. These impacts have been disproportionately borne by Black, Indigenous, and people of color communities. The Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) applauds Congressman Blumenauer’s introduction of this important legislation that highlights the need for greater resources to be directed toward climate resiliency and disaster preparedness, and that works to center the most impacted communities.” -**Taren Evans**, Environmental Justice Director, Coalition of Communities of Color

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“The City of Portland has faced unprecedented climate challenges in the last two years, including choking wildfire smoke and an extreme heatwave that killed dozens of people. We’ve also seen how these disasters disproportionately burden people with disabilities and communities of color. Here in Oregon and across the country, we need better tools to address emerging climate hazards, encourage innovation in hazard mitigation, and better serve communities at the frontlines of disasters. I am grateful for Congressman Blumenauer’s leadership in bringing forward the RESILIENCE Act, which amends the Stafford Act to support these necessary changes. Specifically, I appreciate the recognition of extreme heat as a significant hazard and support for heat mitigation measures including tree-planting; a definition for “disadvantaged communities” that recognizes and elevates the needs of frontline communities that face the greatest risks; and a recognition that the cost-benefit analysis as it is currently applied poses barriers for many small and low-income jurisdictions.” - **Jonna Papaefthimiou**, Chief Resilience Officer / Interim Director, Portland Bureau of Emergency Management



Congressman Earl Blumenauer ■ Third District of Oregon

OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

“The past few years of prolonged drought, devastating wildfires, historic flooding, severe ice storms and record-setting temperatures in Oregon are not anomalies or outliers, they are indicators of what lies ahead for our state and the nation. We know disasters have a disproportionate impact on vulnerable populations - our policies and programs must evolve to adequately support all communities. The Climate RESILIENCE Act makes critical risk reduction funding accessible for communities historically underserved by FEMA’s mitigation grant programs. A more comprehensive and equitable approach to reducing our shared risk and mitigating the impacts to our changing climate will help insure we are not preparing for the disaster we faced a decade ago, but for what we are facing today and in years to come.” -

Andrew Phelps, Director, Oregon Office of Emergency Management

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR KATE BROWN

“This Act is a ‘game-changer’ in our continue efforts to make our communities more resilience in the face of climate risk and emergency support and the inclusion of our most vulnerable populations who bear the brunt of these impacts.” -**Mike Harryman**, State Resilience Officer, Office of Governor Kate Brown